

Minutes
The City of Frederick
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Workshop

September 30, 2015
3:00 p.m.
Board Room – City Hall

- I. Mayor McClement called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Aldermen Kelly Russell, Michael O'Connor, Philip Dacey, Joshua Bokee and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak.
- II. Mayor McClement presented the Economic Development Week Proclamation
- III. Workshop
 - 1. Pam Reppert, City Planner and Nelly Law of the Center for Watershed protection presented the recommendations for the City of Frederick Pet Waste Program.

This item will move forward.

IV. Elected Officials' Comments

Mayor McClement wanted to dispel any rumors that are circulating about the Carroll Creek flood control project not working. He said that the project worked exactly as intended, and that the parks flooded as they should. He said that the City of Frederick got 5-5.5" of rain in about an hour and a half and the lack of rain prior and it being trash night downtown complicated the issue, clogging the storm drains. He said that City facilities were also affected as the Church and Court Street decks flooded with Court Street being the worst affected with 4.5 feet of standing water. Mayor McClement stated that the idea behind flood control system is so that the majority of the City doesn't flood, and the flood control did its job. He said that Joaquin is now an official hurricane and that the cone of uncertainty is huge. He said the City is tracking the storm and will do our best to prepare our residents for the situation. He also asked for help from citizens ensuring the storm drains are clear and asked staff and elected officials to please refer calls related to the storms to the Department of Public Works at 301-600-1440.

Alderman O'Connor said he appreciated the updated information from the Mayor and encouraged residents to use the tools available to them. He said that there are ways to sign up for alerts from the City of Frederick including press releases and emergency alerts from Frederick County. He said the City will provide as much information as is appropriate in as timely a manner as possible, but there is no substitute for the proactivity of residents. He said he hopes that through the remaining days of this storm that residents do what they need to, to keep themselves safe and to keep an eye on their neighbors.

Alderman Russell echoed the Mayor and Alderman O'Connor's comments. She said she cannot stress in terms of preparedness that you should not rely on the government to do everything for you. She stressed the importance of preparing yourself to be on your own for at

least three days, which means three days of food, water, medication, flashlights, batteries and pet supplies. She also mentioned websites with tips that are at our disposal including redcross.org and FEMA.gov and stressed the importance of keeping devices charged and having a communications plan should these devices fail. She said that the City has a responsibility to help as best as they can, but as individuals we need to take care of ourselves and our loved ones. She stressed the importance of considering an emergency plan, not only when danger is imminent.

Alderwoman Kuzemchak thanked the Downtown Frederick Partnership for assisting businesses affected by flooding.

Alderman Bokee thanked Zack Kershner and his team for their assessments and remediation of the flooding issues. He also recommended special community to the NAC Coordinators regarding cleaning out storm drains.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.